

Senators question neutrality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger says the American promise to protect Kuwaiti tankers in the Persian Gulf does not mean the United States is taking sides in the Iran-Iraq war.

"We're aren't getting more involved," Weinberger said Sunday.

A top Iranian official said, however, his country would not be deterred by a U.S. or Soviet presence in the gulf from attacking the tankers. Three senators said they disagreed with Weinberger's assertions that the United States is remaining neutral.

The Reagan administration is planning to have Kuwaiti tankers sail under American flags as part of the effort to protect tanker traffic in the gulf, through which much of the West's oil passes. U.S. Navy ships would escort tankers in the northern portion of the gulf.

The Soviets have already leased several tankers to Kuwait in a bid to protect shipping. Kuwait is an Iraqi ally in the 6½-year-old Persian gulf war. The United States is officially neutral.

"If my country has the intention of attacking a Kuwaiti tanker, it will continue with that policy, regardless of whose flag it is carrying," said Said Rajaie-Khorassani, the Iranian ambassador to the United Nations.

Iran and Iraq have fired on each other's commercial shipping.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said the administration is making "a

substantial change" in its policy.

"It's a question of imminent danger in which the Iranians have made it clear they don't want our presence and they see it as tilt in that particular war," he said.

"We're at the threshold of a major strategic decision," Sen. John Warner, R-Va., added.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, said, "I do not think we've considered all the ramifications of this."

Weinberger said the U.S. had no choice but to respond to Kuwait's request to fly American flags because "if you don't respond to the requests of friendly, moderate Arab nations for assistance ... then you're creating a vacuum. And the Soviets will be very quick to rush into that."

Weinberger said that although details had yet to be worked out in the shipping protection plan, "there should be air cover" over the gulf, and he suggested the United States could seek to expand basing rights there.

The 37 sailors killed aboard the USS Stark were remembered in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. No Greater Love, a private, non-profit foundation formed in 1974 to remember U.S. servicemen killed in Southeast Asia, included a wreath commemorating the dead from the Stark in the organization's annual Memorial Day ceremony, which also memorialized other Americans killed in war and by terrorists.

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has hauled many of those rocks to make a wall near his home.

One can see the monument from Cemetery Hill where grasses and brush hide the remains of what were once headstones. The limestone markers were at some time bashed to pieces and only nubs remain, some sticking out of the ground only a few inches. The names carved into the soft stone have long since worn away. Only a few etchings or designs remain.

It is likely the Johnsons used the knoll for their family burial ground. Indeed, it is easy to tell from the closeness of some of the stones that many babies or small children are buried there.

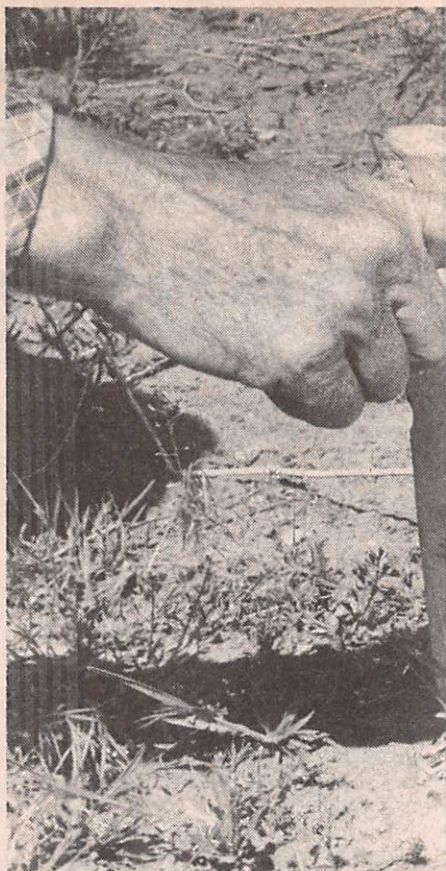
Saunders said, as the story goes, a few adults and even some Indians are buried there. The Johnson family, however, did not stay in the area, moving on to Mexico to help start the Mormon colony there. The land fell to other owners, the cemetery to disuse. There's no one left who remembers who is buried there. Cows now use the ground for grazing.

Saunders said he remembers another grave in a field to the west of Cemetery Hill. Owners of the land had fenced around the grave and its tall marker. He said he doesn't remember when or who did it but the grave was moved and the marker, too.

"I'm sure there's a lot that are unmarked and unknown," he said.

The observance of the first Memorial Day in 1866 is attributed to Waterloo, N.Y., where the dead of the Civil War were honored.

Far removed from that eastern town, the settlers of Utah were in the midst of the Indian War,



Who is buried beneath these headstones?

fighting Black Hawk who Brigham Young called "the most formidable foe amongst the red-man."

Fifty one settlers were killed in the Indian War that lasted from April 1865 to 1867. Perhaps some of those are buried at Cemetery Hill, veterans of another American war.

Maxine Moore of Spring Lake, said her grandmother, Mary Pay,

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PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — **Brooke Shields** is graduating from Princeton University, prompting the Ivy League school to put out a special memorandum aimed at keeping the event orderly.

It says the media will have two chances to cover the model and

view from Sydney that they plan to visit Thailand, China and Moscow, then go through Europe to London on their trip home in late summer.

When he returns to Nashville, Alexander said, he will begin work on a book tentatively titled "Six Months Off."